



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH
UNIT 28614
APO AE 09177

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

IMEU-ANS-ZA

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter# 49 – Unauthorized Trash Disposal in Family Housing and Troop Areas

1. REFERENCES:

- a. German Waste Disposal Law (Kreislaufwirtschaft-/Abfallgesetz)
- b. USAREUR Regulation 200-1, 9 Dec 1993, Environmental Quality Program, Chapter 6
- c. 98th ASG SORT Regulation
- d. 235th BSB SORT Guidance

2. PURPOSE: Provide policy for a workable Recycling/SORT Program within 235th BSB.

3. SCOPE: To establish consistent procedures applicable to all community members within the 235th BSB area.

4. POLICY: This policy applies to all members of the 235th BSB Ansbach and Illesheim. This includes all military units and activities, their commanders and managers, all assigned military and civilian personnel and their family members and all other organizations, i.e. DECA, AAFES and contractors working on our installations.

5. Costs for trash disposal are at a constant high and tend to increase drastically from year to year. A big share of the trash bill is caused by the lack of trash separation. On post residents are still failing to comply with the community SORT (Separate or Recycle Trash) policy and / or German waste laws on recycling. Main factors for unnecessarily high trash bills are:

- a. Community residents not sorting household and office trash correctly.
- b. Off post residents dropping unsorted household trash in or near dumpsters on post.
- c. Military personnel drop DEMIL, hazardous waste and recyclable items into our residual waste (garbage) dumpsters.

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6. Recycling is the law in Germany and we must abide by the host nation laws. In general, host nation ordinance requires the separation of trash where it is generated (i.e. the home). Transporting trash from a private residence to dispose of at any location other than an authorized recycling center is illegal. German authorities may fine military and US civilians caught illegally dumping trash off post.
7. Military personnel caught violating German law and/or community policy may be subject to action under Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), civilian personnel may be subject to action under United States Army Europe Regulation 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians.
8. Containers within our housing areas are for housing residents only - not for the use of anybody else. Community members residing off post are not allowed to dispose of their garbage in the housing area. Placing unsorted trash into any of these containers is considered unauthorized dumping and can be reported to the BSB Military Police at Ansbach, DSN 4687-637/643 or commercial # 0981-183-637/643 and Illesheim DSN 4674-565/581 or commercial # 09841-83-565/581. Written statements concerning the description of what was dumped, the person dumping, and description of the vehicle (license plate number, color, make, model) will be helpful for the investigation. Violators will be reported to the BSB Commander.
9. The complete trash disposal/recycling policy for 235th BSB can be found in the BSB's SORT guide. Installation, area and building coordinators must disseminate this information to respective residents within their area of responsibility. This includes family housing residents, unaccompanied personnel housing residents, civilian workers in all administrative buildings, local national employees and all retirees and their family members living off post.
10. For further information, contact the 235th BSB, DPW, Environmental Management Office, DSN 467-2158 or commercial 09802-832-158.

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